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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/634,242 for  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE AND CORRESPONDING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE  
Our Ref. No. 1406/158

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) in duplicate;
3. Copies of cited references (6 references); and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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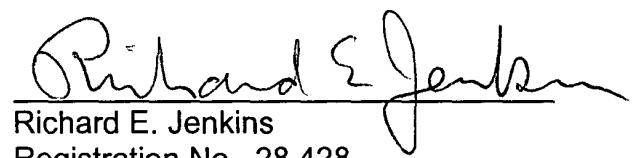
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
Examiner Initial	No.	Document Number	Date	Name		Class	Subclass	Filing date if Appropriate
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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	1B	198 109 073	9/16/99	DE	Schmidt, Ralf	No		
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